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In re Patent Application of:
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For: METHODS, KITS and COMPOSITIONS
PERTAINING TO FLOURESCENCE
QUENCHING USING PNA PROBES

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND
RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Dear Sir:

This communication is responsive to the Restriction Requirement set forth in the Office Action mailed from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on September 15, 2010. A request for the appropriate extension of time in which to respond is being filed concurrently herewith. Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.